W. T. Murphree, Gadsden, Ala.
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MINUTES

OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

Etowah Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

UNION CHURCH NO. 1,

Duck Springs, Etowah County, Ala.,

OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH, 1900.

OFFICERS:

W. T. MURPHREE, MODERATOR,.....Gadsden, Ala.
THOS. O. HEATON, CLERK,.....Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
J. A. GALLANT, TREASURER,.....Gallant, Ala.

The next Session of this Association will be held with White Springs Church, Etowah Co., commencing on Friday, before the Third Sunday in Oct. 1901.

GADSDEN, ALABAMA, 1900:
JOURNAL JOB ROOMS.

MINUTES.

The Introductory sermon was preached by E. B. Moore. Text: Philipians 3: 13-14.

Afternoon.

In the absence of the Moderator, W. L. Culbertson, the associon was called to order by J. D. Pettit.

Letters from the churches were read by W. T. Murphree, D. P. Goodhue and E. B. Moore.

Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Union No. 2.—J. A. Gilliland, D. E. Sullivan.

White Springs.—R. R Yeats, D. H. Wright, J. L. Jones.

Union No. 1.—J. L. Johnson, J. P. Harbour, I. T. Stevens, O. Q. Norton, J. P. Bearden.

Walnut Grove—H. M. Cornelius, R B. White, G. W. Camp, J. T. Campbell, A. J. Phillips.

Pleasant Valley.—R. D. Huff, Virgil Steele.

Mt. Ararat —George Vaughn, Charlie Marker, J. T. Chadwick.

Antioch.—Willis A. Dorsett. ——— West, W. M. Shaw.

Pleasant Hill.—W. H. Hill, G. F. Hazel.

Fairview.—J. M. Bearden, J. M. Sitz, T. P. Hill, J. F. Maise, G. H. Bearden, J. G. Maise.

Gadsden.—W. T. Murphree, D. P. Goodhue, W. T. Gay, J. R. Nowlin, J. M. Chadwick, G. D. Motley.

Pilgrim's Rest.—J. E. Smith, T. J. Sikes, J. F. Bearden, S. R. Vineyard, J. D. Parker.

Greenwood.—H. B. Hawkins, H. A. Dempsey.

Dwight.—J. B. Keowin, T. G. Smith, T. G. Smith, B. C. Miller, J. A. J. Clifton, P. G. Powers, E. E. George, D. W. Cartee.

Friendship.—S. Gilliland, John Shackelford.

New Harmony.—J. W. Higdon, T. B. Rains, A. A. Heath.

Cave Springs.—J. M. McDaniel, F. M. Leath, W. L. Humphrees.

Macedonia.—A. B. McKinnon, J. R. Holmes.

Mt. Carmel.—E. B. Moore, J. W. Battle, Lee Bohannon, R. C. Hood, M. J. Morehead, C. Staulter, J. H. Griffin, Mack Gardner.

Center.—T. C. Wright, J. F. Black, J. W. Morgan, B. F. Smith.

Bristoe's Creek.—C. G. P. Ross, J. W. Jenkins, J. S. Braziel.

Liberty Coosa.—K. S. Steele, Franklin Ford, G. T. Fox, S. H. Mayze, W. J. Lafollette, W. H. Boozer, D. D. Nabors, W. Y. Adams, T. O. Heaton, W. J. Nash.

Bethany.—R. W. Brock, A. L. Gilliland, G. W. Stovall, H. F. Gilliland.

Attalla.—W. T. Stovers, N. N. Vann.

J. B. Appleton, G. A. Chun and W. A. Alexander were appointed as tellers, and officers elected as follows:

W. T. Murphree, Moderator. T. O. Heaton, Clerk.
J. A. Gallant, Treasurer.

The order of business, as published in minutes of last session, was adopted for this session.

W. A. Alexander and G. A. Chun were seated as visiting members from the Warrior Association.

J. B. Appleton was seated as a correspondent from the Cherokee Association.

Committee vacancies were supplied as follows:

Foreign Missions—W. Y. Adams, K S. Steele, D. H. Wright.

Associational Missions—B. F. Smith. J. L. Johnson, G. H. Bearden.

Sunday Schools—O. Q. Norton, J. M. Shaw.

Orphan's Home.—E E. George.

Temperance—D. P. Goodhue, J. L. Johnson, J. E. Smith.

Committee on Devotional Exercises—W. T. Gay, and G. W. Camp, with the deacons and pastor of Union No. 1 church.

Committee to assertain the amount paid pastors, and the number of church members taking the denominational papers—D. P. Goodhue, John T. Chadwick and J. L. Jones.

Committee on Finance—W. F. Stowers, J. R. Nowlin, W. J. Nash.

Committee on Nominations—R. R. Yeats, R. B. White, J. P. Harbour.

A collection of $15.15 was made for the benefit of Alabama City Church.

Committee on Devotional Exercises announced preaching to-night by J. E. Smith. Devotional exercises conducted on the morrow at 9 a. m. by B. F. Smith.

Committee to procure a copy of each annual session of the Association—B. F. Smith, I. T. Stevens, R. R. Yeats.

Adjournment.

SECOND DAY.

After devotional exercises, conducted by B. F. Smith, at 9 a. m., the Association was called to order.

The Chair announced the following standing committees to report at next session:

Foreign Missions—W. J. Nash, R. W. Brock, J. W. Jenkins.

Home Missions—J. R. Nowlin, R. B. White, T. C. Wright.

State Missions—J. E. Smith, Willis A. Dorsett, G. F. Hazel.

Associational Missions—W. Y. Adams, J. M. Chadwick, H. B. Hawkins.

Education---E. E. George, D. P. Goodhue, J. M. Sitz.

Temperence E. B. Moore, J. L. Jones, J. T. Chadwick.

Orphans' Home---G. D. Motley, K. S. Steele, A. B. McKinnon.

Obituaries---R. R. Yeats, J. L. Johson, J. W. Higdon.

Sunday Schools---O. Q. Norton, W. T. Gay, B. F. Smith.

Executive Committee---W. F. Stowers, J. R. Nowlin, G. W. Camp, E. B. Moore, J. M. Shaw, J. T. Stevens, H. F. Gilliland, W. L. Humphries.

The letter from the Attalla church was read.

Correspondents Seated: W. H. Logan, from Cherokee Association; C. T. Starkey, from Tennessee River Association.

Report on Associational Missions:

We, your committee on Associational Missions, beg

leave to submit the following report: We find that nothing has been done, and we, your committee, most cheerfully recommend the church institute work proposed by Brother W. Y. Adams for the ensuing year, and we hope this body will give the work its endorsement and prayerful attention.

B. F. SMITH,
J. L. JOHNSON. } Committee.
G. H. BEARDEN.

The report was discussed by B. F. Smith, W. Y. Adams, J. D. Pettit, G. W. Camp, E. B. Moore, W. J. Nash, J. T. Chadwick, J. M. Chadwick, J. L Johnson, J. E. Smith, C. T. Starkey, E. E. George, J. R. Nowlin, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Education:

Your Committee on Education respectfully submit the following report: We are glad to note that the interest in Christian education is growing little by little among our people. The truth is dawning upon the minds and hearts of our people, that a system of education which educates the head and neglects the heart is a failure—a curse. We say the truth is dawning; it is only dawning. There is much yet to be done and to be learned. There yet lingers in the minds of some of our people an unreasoning and unreasonable prejudice against higher education. Especially is this prejudice unreasonable when directed against an educated ministry. Brethren, the greatest menace to the cause represented by Baptists lies in th fact that the ministry is largely untrained in mind and heart, undeveloped in intellectual and heart power, untaught in the doctrines of the Bible. This truth ought to come home to our hearts with great power, but instead of leading us to dispair, it ought to inspire us to greater effort.

When it comes to pass that we have a devoted, developed minisiry leading intelligent consecrated churches, then it will be true that Zion will gird herself and go forth from conquest to conquest and from victory unto victory, taking the world for Christ.

Now, as to the educational advantages offered, we are glad to tell you Baptists that our denomination is making

long and rapid strides towards the front. It is a matter of congratulation that we have in our county, at Walnut Grove, a Baptist high school, of which we are proud. During the last session there were 175 pupils enrolled. Of this number there were about 60 boarding pupils, including those who had moved in for the benefit of the school. There were five ministerial students. The work done was of high order. The present school has opened satisfactorily. Brethren, this school should need no recommendation to you. The hundreds of boys and girls who have gone out from the Walnut Grove school into all the vocations of life are its highest recommendation. This is our school. Let us cooperate with Brother Adams and his efficient corps of teachers in making it the success which it ought to be.

We have in Howard College a school that will compare favorably with any of the leading institutions of the South. It is a matter of regret that the Baptists of North Alabama are not improving the advantages offered by the Howard as they ought. Few of us realize the wonderful influence and power wielded by the Howard throughout the South. We have not realized the magnitude of the advantages it affords.

In regard to the Judson Institute at Marion, we believe that we are justified in saying that we have the finest school for girls in the South.

In the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville we have a school of recognized power and influence the world over. It draws its patronage from all parts of the world. The expenses are extremely low. The course of study is flexible—adapting itself to the needs of men of all degrees of education.

Before closing this report, we would not forget to remind you that Bro. D. D. Head, one of our boys, attended the Seminary last year. He is very anxious to attend another session. We believe that this Association should take advantage of this opportunity to help one of God's chosen ones to prepare himself for more efficient service in the Master's Cause.

Respectfully submitted.

E. B. Moore, }
G. W. Camp. } Committee.

The report was discussed by E. B. Moore. The hour for the Temperance Sermon having arrived further discussions were deferred.

The Temperence Sermon was preached at 11 a. m. by J. E. Smith.

Afternoon.

The letter from the Ladies' Aid Society of Attalla was read.

Report on Education was adopted.

A collection was made for insurance on denominational property at Walnut Grove, Ala.

Reports on all the missions were read and discussed together.

Report on State Missions:

We, your committee on State missions, beg leave to make the following report: The outlook for State Missions is very promising. New churches are being organized, old churches are being developed and worked up. While these things are encouraging, on investigation we find that the churches are slow in answering the appeals made by our secretary. We find a great many towns and communities without Baptist influence. Some of them are standing with oustretched arms pleading for help to build churches and to support pastors until they can become self-supporting. Many of the places that have received help from the Board have already paid over one thousand per cent. on amounts donated. Brethren, let us utilize all the means at our command until the Gospel of our Master shall have been preached in every nook and corner of the grand old State of Alabama. Respectfully submitted.

W. J. NASH.
D. P. GOODHUE. } Committee.
J. T. CHADWICK.

Report on Foreign Missions:

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, submit the following report: There has been pexended on foreign fields about $150,000 during the past conventional year. This amount has been used in sustaining eighty-two (82)

missionaries in the following countries: China, 36; Africa, 10; Italy, 1; Mexico, 10; Brazil, 18; Japan, 7. As a result of their labors there have been more than 1,500 baptisms on foreign shores last year. These figures are very gratifying, and should inspire every Baptist in this Association to greater liberality. The war in China has necessitated an increase in expenses, and, because of this fact, the Board has asked for an immediate increase in the contributions from the churches, so as to meet these expenses without borrowing the money from the bank. The Board has been instructed to put forth every effort to raise $200,000 during the next conventional year—an increase over last year of $50,000. To do this they must have the co-operation of the pastors and churches. We, your committee, recommend that each church in this Association take one collection a month for Foreign Missions. Respectfully submitted.

W. Y. Adams,
Chairman Committee.

Report on Home Missions:

Your committee on Home Missions, respectfully submit the following report: The Home Board received last year for the prosecution of the work $79,366.28. This shows a considerable increase over the year before. Of the above amount The Woman's Missionary Union contributed $45,-203.77.

The expenditures of the Board were as follows:

In the Indian Territory, in cash and boxes.....$11,140.72
Oklahoma Territory, ...10,611.94
Texas, ...15,448.30

In addition to the above, twelve State Boards have been aided by the home Board.

The Board is endeavoring to push the work among the foreign population of our great cities, but it is greatly hampered in this work by short contributions.

The Board has also expended $9,646.93 for the work in Cuba.

The total number of baptisms is 5,696.

The board appeals for increased contributions that it may put on foot work amongst the negroes and in the mountain regions, and that it may step into other fields that are being opened by the over-ruling Providence of God.

Let us hear and heed the call!

J. M. CHADWICK.
K. S. STEELE. } Committee.

The above reports were discussed by W. B. Crumpton, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Devotional Exercises—Preaching to-night by E. E. George.

Devotional Exercises Sunday at 8:30 a. m. by J. M. Chadwick.

Missionary Sermon, at 11 a. m., by W. B. Crumpton.

The churches of this Association were requested to endeavor to raise $600.00 this year for missions.

Appointed as Committee on Apportionment—N. N. Vann, G. D. Motley, E. B. Moore.

Report on Temperance:

We, your Committee on Temperance, respectfully submit the following report:

1st. That the traffic in intoxicants in the United States has such control, with a few exceptions locally, of the politics of the government, whether municipal, county, state or national, as that legislation, both local and national, is dictated by the manufacturers of and dealers in intoxicants, wherever it effects their interests.

2nd. That, by reason of the above fact, the demoralization and final discontinuation of this government, because of this demoralization, is seriously threatened; the demoralization having been effected already in an alarming degree.

3rd. That all Christians should pray for the complete overthrow of this gigantic evil.

4th. That every Christian, who has become informed as to the power and demoralizing effects of this great evil, is praying for its overthrow.

5th. That every Christian of the U. S., who is informed as to the power and harmful effects of this evil, and who believes in and loves the free institutions and freedom of the citizens of this government, is striving for its overthrow.

6th. That we urge upon the Baptists of Etowah Association to prayerfully and studiously consider this all-important matter, and pray for its overthrow, and vote as he prays.

D. P. Goodhue,
J. L. Johnson, } Committee.
J. E. Smith.

The above report was discussed by D. P. Goodhue, and adopted.

Report on Orphanage:

Your committee is glad to report that our Orphanage which is located at Evergreen, Alabama, and which has been in operation for seven years, is out of debt and in a prosperous condition at present. The Home is located in the central portion of the town, near the Agricultural School. We have had in the Home, since its location, one hundred and thirty-six children. Seventy-one have gone out, leaving sixty-five in the home.

The greatest need of the Home is food and clothing. It takes about $10.00 a day to support the Home. Another building is also an urgent need of the Home, so that the children may receive the proper care in cases of sickness of contageous diseases. The Home has no income, therefore is depending for its support upon the free-will offerings of the people. Who will say that these dependent children shall not be supported? Why are there five-hundred ministers in Alabama who, so far as known, take no interest in the Home? Why are there 1200 churches that have not been heard from? We, your committee, recommend that the pastors bring the work of the Home before their churches and urge immediate action.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. Dorsett, Chm. Com.

On this report a short talk was made by J. A. Howard The report was adopted, and for the benefit of the Home a public collection of $8.62 was made.

Report of Committee on Nominations:

Your Committee on Nominations submit the following report:

Time—Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1901.

Place—White Springs.

Introductory Sermon—W. J. Nash; Alt., E. E. George.

Temperance Sermon—J. D. Pettit; Alt., W. Y. Adams.

Missionary Sermon—E. B. Moore; Alt., J. E. Smith.

We, your committee, recommend the election of E. B. Moore as trustee of Walnut Grove School, to fill the place of W. L. Culbertson, who has moved out of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. Yeats.
J. P. Harbour. } Committee.
R. B. White.

Delegates.

To the Southern Baptist Convention—W. Y. Adams; alternate. E. B. Moore.

To the State Convention—G. D. Motley, E. E. George, W. T. Murphree, B. F. Smith, D. P. Goodhue, W. A. Dorsett, R. R. Yeats, W. Y. Adams, J. M. Chadwick, J. W. Morgan.

Report on Obituaries:

Your Committee on Obituaries, submit the following report: We find that the All Wise God in His providence has seen fit to remove by death fifteen members of this Association, to the rest that remains for the people of God, two of whom were deacons—Brethren A. B. Goodhue, of Gadsden, and A. M. Ritchey, of Dwight Church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Jones.
J. P. Bearden. } Committee.

Report of Finance Committee:

Received for Foreign Missions—From churches, $35.00; from Ladies' Aid Society of Attalla, $5.00. For Home

Misssions, $20.54; State Missions, $6.83; Ministerial Education, for D. D. Head, $5.25; Orphan's Home $1.08; Minutes $21.85; Insurance on Walnut Grove College $4.41; collection for Orphan's Home, $8.62.

Total..... $108.58

Adjourned.

THIRD DAY.

After devotional exercises by J. M. Chadwick at 8:30 a. m., the Association was called to order by Moderator W. T. Murphree.

Minutes of Saturday's proceedings were approved.

Report of Committee on Apportionment:

We, your committee on Apportionment of Missions, report the following:

Antioch	$ 15.00
Attalla	60.00
Bethany	20.00
Bristoe's Creek	5.00
Center	5.00
Cave Spring	10.00
Dwight	30.00
East Gadsden	15.00
Fairview	15.00
Gadsden	125.00
Greenwood	10.00
Liberty Coosa	75.00
Mt Ararat	10.00
Mt. Carmel	30.00
Macedonia	10.00
New Harmony	10.00
Pilgrim's Rest	35.00
Pleasant Valley	5.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00
Union No. 1	35.00
Union No. 2	15.00
Walnut Grove	35.00

White's Springs	15.00
White's Chapel	5.00
Total	$ 600.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. MOORE.
G. D. MOTLEY. } Committee.
N. N. VANN.

The above report was discussed by W. B. Crumpton, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work:

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to submit the following: Our search and research are rewarded by the following facts: For more than a hundred years the ladies have helped the Master's cause in their local societies. And in 1860 the work took its present shape in the country at large And twelve years ago the woman's work in Southern Baptist Territory was made auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

It is not sufficient for the soul to know that the work is going on, and that many thousands are giving it their full strength, and that it triumphs everywhere. It is not sufficient for the believing soul to approve, to pray for, to commend, to rejoice in it. The Word, the Holy Spirit, the heart itself demands personal participation in it. Nothing less brings peace to the soul.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama contributed last year more than $9,000 for various causes, and the Southern Baptist Missionary Union contributed last year, ending May 1900, $83,000. The Unions in our own bounds have done excellent work.

Let us urge the pastors of the Association to see to it that Ladies' Aids are organized in the respective churches. We feel that we can't succeed without bringing into being this dormant power which has been inactive so long.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. STARKEY.
E. E. GEORGE. } Committee.
W. A. DORSETT.

This report was discussed by C. T. Starkey, J. B. Keowin, N. N. Vann, J. M. Chadwick, E. E. George, J. T. Chadwick and W. B. Crumpton, and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Woman's Missionary Union has accomplished and is accomplishing so great a work in our land and and within our own bounds, be it resolved,

1st. That we adopt the Woman's Work as an auxiliary to our Association.

2nd. That this Association invites their delegates and correspondents to meet with it at its next annual session.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. George.

Report on Sunday School Work:

We, your Committee on Sunday School Work, respectfully submit the following: Out of the twenty-five churches in this body we find only thirteen reporting Sunday schools.

True, the earliest training God expects us to give our chilis in the home. However, we think it wise and pleasing to God to give them other good training, aside from the home, when possible. We do not claim that the training of children in Sunday school fits them for the church, but we do claim that the work done in our Sunday schools leads to certain beneficial results in the lives of both children and adults. The field of the Sunday school work is as broad as the great commission. Then let us press the work with renewed energy and zeal, until all Baptists are active workers in the Sunday school cause.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Shaw. }
O. Q. Norton. } Committee.

This report was discussed by R. R. Yeats, B. F. Smith, K. S. Steele, E. B. Moore, J. B. Keowin, J. W. Camp, J. R. Nowlin, and adopted.

A collection for the support of D. D. Head at the seminary for the ensuing year, resulted as follows:

Gadsden church, $10.00; Walnut Grove church, $10; W. T. Murphree, $5.00; Attalla Ladies' Aid Society, $5.00; W. Y.

Adams, $5.00; Liberty Coosa church $10.00; Alabama City church $2.50; Macedonia church, $2.00; Woman's Missionary Union, $5.00; J. L. Jones, $1.00; H. P. Smith, $1 00 cash; I. T. Stevens, $0.50 cash; O. Q. Norton and T. C. Galloway, $2.75 cash, Mt. Carmel, $10.

Subscriptions	$68.00
Cash	4.25
Total	$72.25

CENTURY WORK.

The following topics were discussed:

The Spread of Baptist Principles—E. B. Moore.

The Apostolic Method in Missionary Enterprises—D. P. Goodhue.

What Should Be the Aims of the Century to Come?—E. E. George.

11 A. M.—Missionaty Sermon, preached by Rev. W. B. Crumpton. Text: Psalms 2:8.

After the sermon a collection for Missions was made resulting in a contribution of $15.35.

E. B. Moore offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that, whereas the people of this church and community have royally received and entertained this body and have given us abundant evidence that their welcome was from hearts full of love for God and His people.

Resolved, That we extend to them a vote of thanks for the same.

Resolved further, That we assure them that we shall remember them in our devotions: And we hereby ask them to remember us when they are at a throne of Grace.

The Clerk was instructed to have seven hundred Minutes printed.

Adjourned.

THOS. O. HEATON, Clerk. W. T. MURPHREE, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

The name of this Association shall be "The Etowah Baptist Association.

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform their duties and perform them in such a manner as is ordinarily required of such officers. The shall be elected at or near the opening of each annual session of the body.

The membership of the Association shall be such churches as shall see fit and be permitted to represent themselves in its session by delegates,

Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for every twenty-five members, or fractional part thereof, but each church shall be entitled to at least two delegates.

The object of this Association shall be the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom not only within its own bounds, but throughout the world. It shall aid and encourage, by means of its influence, those grand institutions and agencies which, in the providence of God, have been established by the wise and good among our brethren for the spread of the gospel throughout the world for the distribution of the Bible among those destitute of it, for the education of young men for the work of the ministry, as well as for the cause of education generally, for the promotion of the Sunday school cause, cause of temperance, etc.

The Association shall employ such means and adopt such measures as shall seem best calculated to cultivate Christian unity and fellowship among the brethren within its bounds, to incite the brethren to love and good work, to stir up the pure minds of the brethren by way of remembrance, to secure individual advancement in the divine life, in every way as individuals, to illustrate to the world the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous meeting, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty in case of a failure of the first.

2. The service being performed, the Moderator, or if he be absent the oldest minister present shall open the Association with prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed by the Constitution, the correspondence from other Associotions shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. The messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other

brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. Subjects not mentioned in the last minutes may, at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business before the body.

6. Any subjects not contained in minutes must be regularly brought before the body by motion, which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this, it shall be considered as property at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

7. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, unless permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

8. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tended to wound the feelings of the brethren shall be strictly avoided.

9. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session without permission from the Moderator.

10. In order to expedite business, committees shall be appointed at the discretion of the Association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

11. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of session be opened and closed with prayer.

12 The minutes of each day shall be read at its beginning and close of business, after prayer, each succeeding, when names of the delegates shall be called. And the whole of the minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

13. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order usually observed by deliberative bodies of this kind shall be observed by this Association.

If any point of order be raised by any member of the body, it shall be decided by the Moderator, but appeal may be taken from his decision to the body. "Well's Parliamentary Practice" shall be used as authority in regard to questions of order.

Any member of this Association presenting a copy of these Minutes to a sister Association shall be deemed as accredited thereto as a correspondent from this body.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

There is one and but one God, who is a spirit, omnicent, omnipotent, eternal, unchangeable, infinite in goodness and wisdom, of inviolable truth, perfectly just, of immaculate holiness, the creator of all things, the preserver of all, and the supreme ruler over all. The God-

head is trinity—Father, Son and Holy Ghost—three persons in one divine essence.

The Son became incarnate, thus uniting in himself the divine and human natures that he might become the mediator between God and man; man's final judge, and by his life, death and resurrection, the Redeemer and Savior of his people.

The Holy Spirit is the sanctioner and comforter of God's people. He is, through the divine word, the author of the new spiritual life produced in man in his regeneration.

The Holy Scriptures were given by divine inspiration as a revelation of God's will to man concerning him, and constitute to him an infallible rule of faith and practice.

Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, were created holy, and for a time served the Creator acceptably, living innocently and happy in His favor, but Adam, having been placed under a covenant of works, violated it and brought the penalty of the violation upon himself and his descendants.

All men partaking of the consequence of the fall, are both totally depraved and guilty of actual transgression of God's law.

No man can free himself from his native depravity, or from condemnation. No man can save himself. There is no way of salvation but by Jesus Christ.

The Christian Sabbath is the first day of the week, and should be kept holy and consecrated to the service and worship of God in obedience to the command, "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy," and in commemoration of the resurrection on that day of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The ordinances of the gospel are two—Baptism, and the Lord,s Supper. The great head of the church requires the perpetual observance of these ordinances by the church as such and under their authority.

Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water by one duly qualified and authorized to administer the rite. It is prerequisite to church membership.

A gospel church is a company of Baptist believers, organized under the laws of its great head, for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world. The officers of the church are its pastors and deacons. Each church is an independent body, subject only to the commands of its Great Head. The work required of the church is missionary in its character. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Holy Spirit continues the work of sanctification upon those he has regenerated to the end of life, and thus saves all who are regenerated from apostacy.

All who will be finally saved were chosen of God the father, before

the foundation of the world, and gave to Jesus Christ in the covenant of grace, yet all who will be lost will have rejected a preferred salvation.

The bodies of all who die will be raised from the dead and reunited to their spirits for the judgment of the great day.

In the last day Jesus will come to judge the world, and having assembled all men before him, will pass sentence upon them according to their works.

Heaven is a place in which the righteous will be received and made perfectly happy in the presence and enjoyment of God forever.

Hell is a place into which the wicked shall be cast to suffer eternal punishment for their sins.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from the churches.
2. Election of officers.
3. Invite visiting ministers and brothers to seats.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for correspondents.
6. Appoint committees.
7. Appoint standing committees.
   (Committees may report at any time when time not occupied.)
8. Miscellaneous business.
9. Call roll and read minutes.
10. Fix order of printing and distributing minutes.
11. Adjournment.

Ordained Ministers.

C. T. Starkey, Attalla.
B. F. Smith, Gadsden.
J. W. Battle, "
J. M. Floyd, "
J. E. Smith, "
B. F. Kirkland, Attalla.
G. E. Jones, Alabama City.
E. B. Moore, Steele's Station
W. Y. Adams, Walnut Grove
L. J. Bishop, Markton.
M. G. Hood, Steele's Station
J. R. Trotter, East Gadsden.
K. S. Steele, Hoke's Bluff.
W. W. Wester, "
W. J. Nash, "
J. T. Chadwick, Glencoe.
J. M. Chadwick, Gadsden.
W. A. Dorsett, Walnut Grove.
E. E. George, Alabama City.
P. M. Archer, Nash.
Jacob Gray, "
I. N. Hale, Gadsden.
E. W. Brady, Gadsden.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1900.

CHURCH.	MISSIONS.			Education—Ministerial	Orphan's Home	Minutes	Home Expenses.			Total	Central Female College.	Value Church Property.	Howard College	Church Building at Dwight.	Vouchers	Inst. Board
	State	Home	Foreign				Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Bldgs.	Poor, Fuel, S. S., Etc.							
Antioch			4.00			1.00				5 00						
Attalla			16.70	109.65		2 00	314 70		72 01	515 07						
Bethany			.75			.85	48 00					700 00			5 00	
Bristoe's Creek		2.77				.50	25 00			28 27						
Cave Springs						85	35 00			35 85		100 00				
Center			1 35			1 00	7 00			9 35		200 00			.65	
Dwight	3.64	5.25	3.95			1.15	94 30	201 73	7 59	317 61						
East Gadsden		1.50	3.75	5 00		.65	32 00	10 00	22 00	74 90		500 00				
Fairview		1.69	2 00			1.10	48 19		4 00	56 98		500 00				
Gadsden			43.91	30.00		3 00	850 00	1,000 00	210 14	2,137 05	25 00	1, 500 00				
Greenwood						1.05		53 00		54 05		500 00				
Liberty Coosa		3.75	3.75	10 00	6 00	1 00	100 00			155 18	5 00	1, 200 00		7 20		18 48
Macedonia	5.50					.50	50 00		4 00	60 00		400 00			5 60	
Mt. Ararat		2.60				50	3 00			33 10						
Mt. Carmel						1 00	80 00		14 55	95 55		1, 200 00			9 64	
New Harmony						1.10	33 40		6 60	40 00		200 00				
Pilgrim's Rest		4.00		1,00		1 00	75 00		4 60	85 60						
Pleasant Valley		2.25				.50				2 75		300 00				
Union No. 1						1.50	121 00	125 00	3 20	250 70		750 00				
Union No. 2	1.08	1 08	1 08			1 00	30 00			36 24		250 00				
Walnut Grove		5.41		5.25		.75			18 00	29 41		1, 500 00				
White's Spring		.85	2 16			1 00		65 00	3 75	72 76		465 00				
White's Chapel																
Friendship		1.26	.50			.50	16 00			18 26		12 50				
Pleasant Hill						.75	25 00			25 75		330 00				
Total	$10.22	32 32	84 00	160 90	6 00	24 25	2,088 49	1,454 73	351 39	3,939 43	30 00	9, 077 50		7 20	21 79	18 48

STATISTICS OF THE ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1900.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CRERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported.	Increase by			Decreas by			Present Membership...	SUNDAY SCHOOL			Preaching Sabbath
						Baptism ...	Letter	Restoration ...	Letter	Exclusion	Death		Officers and Teachers ...	Pupils.....	SUPT. NAME AND P. O. ADDRESS.	
Antioch	St. Clair.	N. A. Hood.	M. G. Williams.	Steele Depot.	.....	...	1	..	6	...	..	71	.....	30	.....	4th.
Attalla	Etowah.	C. T. Starkey.	J. W. Wright.	Attalla.	.....	7	8	...	3	2	...	125	8	80	J. P. Preston, Attalla.	2&4
Bethany	"	J. E. Smith.	A. L. Gilliland.	Hill.	97	9	3	..	1	...	1	107	....	.....	.....	4th.
Bristoe's Creek	"	W. A. Alexander.	H. H. Russell.	Aurora.	76	2	2	...	7	3	...	70	8	60	R. H. Doabs, Aurora.	4th.
Cave Springs	"	H. M. Nippers.	F. M. Leath.	Buford	65	2	3	...	6	...	2	62	4	25	S. H. Newkirk, Buford.	1st.
Center	"	J. M. Chadwick.	T. C. Wright.	Attalla	76	8	...	...	3	...	...	81	5	35	.....	3rd.
Dwight	"	E. E. George.	R. M. Wilbanks.	Alabama City	101	51	21	...	15	13	1	144	.....	.....	.....	2&4
East Gadsden	"	E. B. Moore.	W. R Sizemore,	East Gadsden	71	16	2	1	5	...	1	85	9	60	W. P. Sears, East Gadsden.	4th.
Fairview	"	J. W. Battle.	G. A. Bearden.	Brice	99	4	10	1	7	4	...	115	4	25	T. J. Anderson, Brice.	1st.
Friendship	"	J. T. Chadwick.	M. Tullis.	Gadsden	41	...	3	...	2	...	...	42	.....	.....	.....	4th.
Gadsden	"		J. R. Hood.	Gadsden	208	1	31	...	9	...	2	229	15	145	G. S. Vann, Gadsden.	
Greenwood	"	A. N. Mince.	N. W. Sauls,	Keener	52	3	5	...	6	...	...	50	8	33	H. A. Dempsey, Chumley.	4th.
Liberty Coosa	"	C. T. Starkey.	D. D. Nabors,	Hoke's Bluff	214	6	10	1	14	1	2	214	7	100	A. H. Barnes, Hoke's Bluff.	4th.
Macedonia	"	W. J. Nash.	A. B. McKinnon.	Coat's Bend	44	...	...	..	4	...	...	40	5	58	J. R. Holmes, Turkeytown.	4th.
Mt. Ararat	"	J. T. Chadwick.	W. H. Marker.	East Gadsden.	65	10	4	1	3	...	..	77	4	30	F. M. Nabors, Glencoe.	3rd.
Mt. Carmel	"	E. B. Moore.	J. A. Glagner.	Alabama City	173	13	16	1	11	...	...	192	6	62	R. C. Hood, Gadsden.	1st.
New Harmony.	"	E. W. Brady.	W. H. Tucker.	Crudup	79	6	2	...	13	2	2	70	6	24	W. H. Tucker, Crudup.	3rd.
Pilgrim's Rest	"	J. E. Smith.	J. A. Usry.	Gadsden	168	3	6	...	1	...	1	175	6	80	J. A. Usry, Gadsden.	2nd.
Pleasant Valley	"	J. M. Chadwick.	R. D. Huff.	Attalla	39	1	2	...	1	...	1	40	.....	.....	.....	2nd.
Pleasant Hill	"	J. W. Battle.	W. H. Hill.	Nina	37	3	1	...	2	...	1	38	5	61	B. F. Collins, Nina.	2nd.
Union No. 1	"	W. J. Nash.	I. T. Stevens.	Seaborn	119	...	1	...	1	...	1	103	5	50	O. Q. Norton, Seaborn.	3rd.
Union No. 2	"	W. A. Alexander	J. A. Gallant.	Gallant	67	13	6	2	2	...	2	85	.....	.....	.....	1st.
Walnut Grove	"	A. A. Pannell.	J. A. Phillips.	Walnut Grove	146	...	4	...	5	...	5	145	8	101	H. M. Carnelius, W. Grove.	4th.
White's Spring	"	J. T. Chadwick.	R. R. Yeats.	Maxton	76	...	3	...	...	...	...	79	13	75	D. H. Wright, Maxton.	2nd.